

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner.

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/26/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 11.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Detailed Action

1. This office action is for amendment dated 11/26/2007.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 11 are allowable over the prior art of record. The prior arts fail to teach the allowable features, singly, particularly, or in combination or rendering obviousness.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 with allowable limitation features from the objected claim 10, and canceled claim 2-10 [page 5 of applicant amendment. 11/26/2007].

The dependent claim 11 is also allowable due to their dependency upon the allowable independent claims above and the having additional claimed feature.

The prior arts fail to teach the features in independent **claim 1**, as underlined in below, together with the mode control setting signal to set the power amplifier to linear or saturation operating region, for

a transmitter for outputting a transmitting signal while amplifying power of the transmitting signal comprising:

a variable gain amplification means for amplifying an input modulated signal based on the transmitting signal and controlling the gain based on a control signal;

a power amplification means connected to the rear of the variable gain amplification means;

a multiplier for multiplying the amplitude signal of the transmitting signal and the phase-modulated signal obtained by modulation of the phase signal of the transmitting signal to thereby apply amplitude modulation, wherein the power amplification means performs power amplification on the basis of the amplitude-modulated signal.

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a power amplification control means for controlling a supply voltage of the power amplification means on the basis of the control signal, wherein:

the power amplification means has a linear operating mode for amplifying power by using a linear operating region in input-output power characteristic of the power amplification means;

a saturation operating mode for amplifying power by using a saturation operating region in input-output power characteristic of the power amplification means;

the control signal includes an operating mode set signal for setting the operating mode of the power amplification means;

the power amplification means operates in either operating mode on the basis of the operating mode set signal.

The closest prior art, **Heinonen et al. [US 5,530,923]** teaches a transmitter in Fig. 1 having power amplifiers 10, 12, based on the linear/non-linear transmitting mode [Fig. 1 & col. 3, lines 37-46, abstract, col. 4, lines 26-44], the control signal 34, 35 from control means 24, for adjusting the gain of amplifier 18 & 10 [col. 4, lines 48-55 & col. 4, lines 48-55]; the mode control means 25/switch 14/16 set the power amplifier 10/12 into linear or non-linear/saturation mode [Fig. 1 & col. 3, line 61 to col. 4, line 2], but fails to teach a multiplier for multiplying the amplitude signal of the transmitting signal and the phase-modulated signal obtained by modulation of the phase signal of the transmitting signal to thereby apply amplitude modulation, wherein the power amplification means performs power amplification on the basis of the amplitude-modulated signal.

Ngo et al. [US 2003/0155,972 A1] teaches the V_{ramp} for controlling the supply voltage of amplifier state 62, 64 for the saturated mode and the linear mode of operation [Fig. 2/ Fig. 4, paragraph 0027-0028, 0001], but fail to teach the limitation features missed by Heinonen

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above.

Okubo et al. [US 2004/0041,628 A1] teaches the temporal change in the envelope of the input signal [Fig.8(a)-Fig. 8(c) & paragraphs 0143-0149]; the compensation for the amplitude, phase distortion [paragraph 0150], but fail to teach the limitation features missed by Heinonen above.

Other prior arts in below are also considered, but they fail to teach the above allowable features.

Biedka et al. [US 2004/0247,041 A1] teaches the amplitude modulation AM 113 applied to supply terminal of PA 109 for amplifying the VCO signal having phase modulation signal from PM 103 [Fig. 1, paragraph 0012-0013].

Mochizuki [US 6,580,901 B1] teaches the control unit 8, Verror, V_p, for controlling the supply voltage of power amplifier 2 [Fig. 6 & its corresponding description in the specification] based on the instantaneous output feedback from amplifier 2 for the saturation type high power amplifier [abstract].

Mattila et al. [US 5,432,473] teaches the digital transmission mode and the analog transmission mode with bias control 7 for power amplifier 3, having the gain control 1 and driver amplifier [Fig. 1, abstract].

Bachman, II et al. [US 2005/0017,801 A1] teaches the feedback from power amplifier 10 via coupling 38 for controlling the power of amplifier 10 via power supply 74 [Fig. 1, abstract, & its corresponding description in the specification].

Ayun et al. [US 7,250,818] teaches the feedback of detected transmitter output power at 107 [Fig. 2] & providing V_{cont} signal to voltage regulator 151 for power amplifier PA 101 [abstract, Fig. 2 & its corresponding description in the specification].

Tanaka et al. [US 2004/0198,258 A1] teaches the amplitude modulation to PA 6 via power supply voltage generator 3 and phase rectangular window 13 [abstract].

Schwent et al. [US 5,060,294] teaches the linear mode and the saturation mode of a power amplifier for a radiotelephone having mode control switch 206/196 [col. 12, lines 10-57, Fig. 9, abstract]

Kim et al. [Us 7,129,786 B2] teaches the bias circuit of high power consumption mode 319 and low power consumption mode 317 [Fig. 3, abstract].

Yamawaki et al. [US 2005/0176,388 A1] teaches the phase control loop and the amplitude control loop [Fig. 1, abstract, & its corresponding description in the specification].

Other prior arts are also considered. They are: **Sevic et al. [US 2003/0102,910 A1]**, **Shimizu [US 2002/0031,191 A1]**, **Toyota et al. [US 2004/0203,553 A1]**, **Staszewski et al. [US 2004/0151,257 A1]**, **Sahota et al. [US 2004/0023,620 A1]**, **Maerzinger et al. [US 2006/0154,626 A1]**, **Bengtsson et al. [US 2002/0071,497 A1]**, **Black [US 5,559,471]**, **Boesch et al. [US 6,298,244 B1]**, **Tsutsui et al. [US 2002/0030,541 A1]**, **Korol [US 7,009,447 B2]**, **Bar-David [US 6,437,641 B1]**, **Morimoto et al. [US 2006/0159,198 A1]**, **Kim et al. [US 6,020,787]**, **Robinson et al. [US 2004/0266,366 A1]**, **Sander et al. [US 2002/0177,420 A1]**.

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Conclusion


3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles C. Chow whose telephone number is (571) 272-7889. The

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examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:30pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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